

**Aviation Advisory Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2016**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 9:34 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: Jim Dodson, Tom George, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Dennis Parrish, Bob Hajdukovich, Tom Nichols, Mike Stedman

DOT&PF: John Binder, Troy LaRue, Linda Bustamante

Chairman Ryan – Welcomed all to the teleconference meeting. The purpose of this short meeting is to review agenda for Juneau meeting and legislative messages. Lee recently spoke at the Alaska Aviation Coordination Council meeting. This organization and others understand reasons for Boards recommendation to request increase in fuel tax to support rural aviation system.

Board Discussion – Dennis Parrish suggested the possibility of seeking a letter of support from aviation stakeholder groups, specifically the Alaska Airmen’s and the Alaska Air Carriers Association.

The Board agreed that the specific unanimously agreed to in the Ketchikan meeting needed to be packaged as a resolution:

In order to help support the sustained operations of the Alaska Rural Aviation System, the Aviation Advisory Board recommends increasing the motor fuel tax (avgas and jet fuel) to 10 cents/gal, at or below \$100/barrel ANS crude market price, and indexed annually to return to current levels at or above \$140/barrel ANS crude.

This recommendation is predicated on the revenues being used to support the aviation system outside the Alaska International Airport System, and further statewide revenue generation and increased operating efficiencies.

For legislator meetings on the 28th the board would like talking points developed to include allocating motor fuel tax revenues specifically to support the rural aviation system. In addition, they would like to have copies of the Board’s letter to the Governor and their resolution. It was also decided to send these documents in advance to all legislators.

The Board would like a representative from the Department of Revenue at the Juneau meeting to discuss the details of how fuel taxes are tracked, to avoid concerns about revenue diversion.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016 in Juneau.
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.